

Muscle Shoals CAS Session

April 6, 2002

1. What TVA related issues are of special concern to you?

Water quality, Public Recreation, Wildlife Habitat and Protecting the Natural Environment.

Giving control of 968 acres of land to RSA for free so they can build a golf course .A golf course will not take that much land so we must conclude that they will build high end housing on the rest of the land which only RSA will benefit from. To begin with, TVA did not legally have the right to give "conditional approval" to the proposal without a full Environmental Impact Statement as required by NEPA. There are very many environmental issues that make this necessary, such as endangered species, archeological sites, historical sites, mature hardwood forest and a definite controversy of public opinion, any one of which would be enough to require an EIS. An applicant is required to present an alternate site and none was given.

The current RSA proposal issue has been very disturbing because of the way that the TVA board prematurely issued a conditional statement before public comments were analyzed. this has lessened public confidence in the TVA board and their professionalism. their position should not be taken by them so flippantly. they should have told the political force in no uncertain terms that it was inappropriate to meet the day after public comment period was over. I would also like to hear more from Ms. Harris and why she has been left out of public view. is it because she was not in favor of the way the other two men on the board handled the situation? I have confidence in the many employees of TVA and their expertise in their respective fields. I am sure that a majority of employees are in total dismay of the meeting in Washington on February 26, 2002. the building of a golf course on the TVA natural area (including the old 1st quarters) is ridiculous. The giveaway of 920 acres(now 750) is unthinkable since this is nothing more than pure manipulation of David Brenner as he continues to use shortsighted politicians for his means to and end. THIS LAND SHOULD (walking trail and nature area) REMAIN AS IT IS FOR MANY REASONS! any intrusion would destroy the area which must remain as a WHOLE TO PRESERVE THE ECOSYSTEM. breaking it up to accommodate a golf course goes against the thinking of even the most elementary level of ecological thinking will not elaborate on each ENVIRONMENTAL, HISTORICAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ETHICAL issue of concern(due to time and space) which are many. the impact on the culture and citizens of a RTJ golf course ,as proposed would have an intense impact on our community .this impact would in all likelihood NOT be the creating of more jobs(this has yet to be proven in any report) but the influx of people coming through our area will not necessarily be a positive . next our local leader will have to succumb to more choices of nightlife, legal Sunday sales of alcohol , wear and tear on our physical community and perhaps increased crime.

The company I am here representing today is AMCOR. We provide a flux mix for the aluminum industry in the surrounding states. The river system is a vital component in receiving our material. At our location in Florence Harbor, we have a serious problem with the water depth at our cell area. Last year alone, the low water level resulted in an additional \$12000.00 in operating the business for demurrage and barge moves alone.

The most directly affecting issue is the reliability of adequate water flow for commercial navigation. Being a resident of the Valley, all of the issues are important, water quality, recreation, power generation, environmental, but achieving a careful balance between these issues is my special concern.

Two of TVA's board members, Chairman McCullough and Mr. Baxter, have trampled all over the National Environmental Policy Act by succumbing to political pressure and giving "conditional

endorsement" to the Retirement Systems of Alabama's proposal to hijack public lands in the Muscle Shoals area by conveying them, via recreational easement to a front organization that would in turn turn several hundred acres of valuable public recreational land into a golf course. This is outrageous, scandalous, and in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act, since by their actions these board members have essentially dismissed alternatives to this absurd land grab even before such alternatives have been developed and described. The TVA Board members who so unwisely took this intemperate and illegal action should rescind it as soon as possible and commit to the public to follow the procedures of NEPA faithfully from now on in the review of the RSA proposal.

I am also concerned that NOTHING in the current Reservoir Operations review process should lead to any diminution of downstream flow regimes in those reaches of the Tennessee River and Tributaries where such releases were instituted as a result of the 1990 review.

TVA and their decision to grant a premature approval of the RSA proposal to construct a golf course on the TVA Walking Trail and Nature Area has in my view compromised the integrity of the entire TVA.

Welfare of all people in the region.

1. Water quality, that is, sewage dumping in river, man manufactured trash including bottles, tires, shoes etc., surface and ground water interaction especially farm chemical run off.

2. Recreational uses: I'm especially concerned on Wilson lake that bass tournaments are being used as cover for boat races. Twice a week boat are furiously launched from the Wilson dam toward Wheeler in a race. Why do fisherman need to travel at speeds unsafe for other people sharing the lake in canoes and sail boats?

3. Mosquito control giving west Nile and EE.

Water Quality, Land Use, Fisheries Management (Aquatic Habitat), Wildlife Management

Commercial navigation interest is most important to me and the businesses I represent. So certainly this issue is interrelated with other issues surrounding water flow through the system and maintaining a proper navigational draft year-round.

Water quality, land use, flood control, commercial development along the river systemwide.

Industry on the river . what is involved in industry being brought in along the river. Also, jobs being brought to this area. Florence Muscle shoals. land that is available along the river by people what is involved.

After the meeting TVA is wasting time until educate the public. Public does not understand what is going on. Also, questions are contradictory for the public to answer. Flood control equals commercial navigation. Also, drastic changes that occur in water elevation. TVA winter drawn down the same for a while we must change the way we do things. Barges cannot unload bulk materials. This is hurting us. The commercial people are not the bad guys the way the people perceive us. Dropping the water 8 ft on Pickwick was a lot of damage. TVA monitoring of water sometimes is not consistent with what is logical. Don't drop the water 8 ft is their is a drought. Don't go by gauges. Change with the times.

The operation of the Little Bear Creek, Cedar Creek Reservoir, Big Bear Creek Reservoir, and Upper Bear Creek Reservoirs as it pertains to recreational fishing. The wise land management practices as it pertains to the land adjacent to these reservoirs.

Protection of the natural resources of the Tennessee Valley is the most important issue to me. Specifically, maintaining the great diversity in aquatic life, including freshwater mussels, snails, crayfish and fish, should be a top priority. This goes hand in hand with protecting our game and commercial fisheries and providing quality opportunities for anglers.

Water Transportation

My name is Rodney Diehl. I represent myself as a wheeler shoreline resident For 15 years and also Pirate's Chest marina in Decatur Alabama.

1. We would like to see the summer pool extended 6 or more weeks. In 15 years of living on the lake I have not seen any instance where this would have caused a problem.
2. We would like to see winter pool raised to 553 feet minimum. The low this year was 449.4. This is the lowest that I remember. This put some boats on the bottom at their slips. If this is not possible we would request that we go to a 2 level winter pool. Normal would be 553 and "storm pool" would be at 550. Drawing don to storm pool could be announced in advance over the local weather channels in the affected area.
3. We would also suggest a draw down to 447 ever 5 years for pier maintenance and shoreline cleanup. This could rotate between the lakes.
4. The "have nots" among us would like to see more shoreline released for development.

THANK YOU
RODD DIEHL

Keeping the water level adequate in the port and barging areas to allow for moving materials for commerce year round.

Flood control is also an important issue to me.

Power generation is important to everyone, however this and recreation should come behind safety of population, ability to make a living, and adequate drinking water and water for business purposes.

Flood Control, Water supply, recreation. I am specifically concerned about the above at Pickwick Lake.

TVA in the past has sold lots for residential purposes and has a responsibility to preserve the usability and value for those properties, as it pertains to the individual property owners.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 22

2. Why are these issues of special concern to you?

This area is public land which is used by citizens from all walks of life and if given to RSA only paying golfers will have access to it's natural beauty care about the environment I live in and I know the negative effects the building of a golf course will create caused by pesticides, fungicides, herbicides. There will be destruction and disruption of the wildlife. The water supply will be polluted. Also when you consider that TVA is \$25 billion in debt they have no business giving land to a company worth \$27 billion.

My ancestors were some of the first to settle in Lauderdale Co. I came back to Florence after spending 4 years in Atlanta Ga. and CHOOSE to live in Florence because of the unique beauty of the area, the cost of living, and the wonderful quality of life.

Additional costs are taken right off the top of operating the business; it can make the difference in being in business or being out of business. It appears that TVA has the "God Button" and tells us there will be this amount of water today...here is the next seven day schedule or I'm sorry, that is all we can do.

The floods came in January, 2002 and there was lots of water; 10 days later it is all gone again. There is such a dramatic fluctuation in levels. When a barge is aground at my cell, I am at the mercy of TVA as to when I will get enough water to float even an empty barge sometimes. Each day the water does not rise and the barge is aground, I have no choice but to pay the barge company a fee for this barge.

In February, 2002, I had an EMPTY barge at my cell for a week. I had released the barge but it could not be pulled away from my dock, so I had to pay. There is not enough margin in the competitive cost of the product to compensate for this cost.

One of my personal concerns as a resident on the river system, I feel there should be more water patrol officers on the river. I see children, too young in my opinion, operating motor vehicles on the water recklessly; unsupervised. I see litter and trash being thrown in the water. Neighbors rake their leaves and brush in the water. I even had an individual throw dynamite in the water from an adjacent pier.

There should be more on patrol in harbors monitoring recreational boats zipping up and down the harbor when there are signs posted for wake speed only.

My special concern is balance between the competing interest, I am directly affected by the commercial navigation issues, but also am interested in the quality of life issues that the other issues present. None of the issues present are mutually exclusive events, nor should one issue take precedence over the other as long as basic human needs are being met.

Because in the case of the first issue I identified above, I firmly believe the LAW should be followed by the TVA Board! The notion of "conditional endorsement" is the language of Ashdod; it is an illegal concept and has no place in the NEPA process! If TVA is to consider the surrender of valuable public lands to a private corporation (AND RSA is a PRIVATE CORPORATION, no matter how much they attempt to represent themselves otherwise), then TVA should follow the letter and the spirit of the LAW when TVA conducts its environmental review of the matter.

As to reservoir releases of minimum flows, that is something that TVA should do pursuant to the rubric that "The Polluter Pays." TVA's water control system for many years impoverished many tailwaters of needed flows to sustain desirable aquatic life. The changes resulting from the 1990 review have reversed many of these adverse impacts. TVA is to be commended for these changes and they should continue.

The protection of public land and environmentally sensitive are extremely important to the welfare of our community.

It is a near complete goal.

It was the original purpose, that needs to be continued.

It is important to all citizens.

It should be clearly associated with each activity of TVA.

I live on Wilson lake at 125 Little Woods Rd. The shore and river water quality are of special concern. I collect each spring at low water level about 4 to 5 (30 gallon size) bags of trash at the back of the inlet I share with 8 families. Water quality and environmental protection need to be a high priority in my opinion. Also 2-stroke boat motors need to be banned from any reservoir that supplies drinking water. Monitor the industrial output to the river. White foam forms on the water surface. Why?

I work in the environmental/water quality field in TVA area

I represent the regional port authority. The river must hold enough water year round to ensure safe navigation. Peoples jobs depend on commercial navigation directly through jobs in the port, indirectly through truckers, road workers, and all those who benefit from the products that are delivered through the port, AND all those businesses who can take advantage of the lowered transportation costs offered by maritime transportation. In addition some/many company's require the ability to transport product via water so a viable commercial transportation component is vital to the regions economic sustainment/growth.

Water should be a special concern to everyone. Water quality should be a special concern due to water for drinking, recreation, food supply, fishing, etc. Poor water quality indicates poor environmental control.

Protection of existing green areas is important for maintaining good water quality along the Tennessee.

Gallons of water in the desert you are not going to pour that water out.!!!

The future of fishing and recreational activities for my children and myself are at stake with the decisions made by the TVA. I am also the chairman of the Little Bear Millennium Project. This project contains a group of 250 volunteer fishermen that have the same concerns that I do.

Protection of natural resources is of special concern to me because I am proud of the great biodiversity found in the area in which we live. The degree of endemism demonstrated by the aquatic groups, especially fish and aquatic snails, is especially important. Also, the fact that some of the best remaining populations of freshwater mussels in the world occur in some of the TVA dam tailwaters should be taken into account.

Safe and efficient movement of raw materials and finished products along the water network

They are important because the area is losing jobs and many citizens are Having to leave the area. Also, I have lived in different parts of the Country and you can have prosperity, commerce, recreation, and a safe environment at the same time.

I saw progress being opposed in the Tennessee valley back in the 70's. It Appears that it is still being opposed today. We are a crossroads in Regard to growing and attracting business into the shoals area. Our Reputation hasn't been the best in regard to this. TVA is important in This effort. The Tennessee river is an asset that can be used more to Attract growth and industry. This can be accomplished without sacrificing the environment and our quality of life.

I live on a lot that was in one of TVA's original subdivisions. The shoreline initiative of 1999 gave us some control over lands classified as Residential Access Area. We do not need to change this.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 17

3. How could TVA improve its management of the TN River system?

Consider the public's opinions not just the moneyed interests.

Coming to the public in this manner is a good start. Not letting local politicians push them around on issues. If there is a set legal process for an action it should be followed. These processes are set for a reason and without them the public loses its voice in these matters and this is the public's land and TVA works for the public, not a small group of politicians and private businessmen and their money.

More attention to SCIENCE and less attention to POLITICS.

Flood control is critical, preserving the environment is important. There must be a better balance in the reason why the system was built. Without being able to use the river and navigate on it safely, jobs will be lost, people will get hurt in recreational and industrial accidents, it will be chaotic. Selling power to far away places is not why TVA built this system. We should take care of ourselves, first. This river system is the life line for the most competitive means of transportation for large commodities in the steel, grain, mineral, aggregate industries.

When we work hard to provide a living for our people, then we will have the money to spend on recreational activities. These are a luxury of the prosperity of the area.

I am not sure that this is TVA's responsibility any longer. With the deletion of Federal funds for non power programs, many of the issues are no longer TVA's. The need for water to generate electricity appears to be TVA's main focus at this time. More and more the former non power programs appear to be shifting to other federal agencies. At this juncture the best way to improve the management, would be to accept the role of power producer and quit holding on some of the property management roles of the old TVA. Pay a usage fee for the resources used to generate the electricity and allow other agencies such as the Corps of engineers to handle the management of the river system.

Focus more on the protection of the environment.

Build on citizen input BEFORE making decisions rather than AFTER decisions are made and announced. [refer recent decision on Muscle Shoals Golf Course]

Focus on water quality and environmental protection. Keep oil and boat motor waste out of the water.

I'm not sure of the historical base for maintaining a 408-410 winter pool on Pickwick Lake (I'd like to know), but it doesn't meet the needs of terminal operators and towing companies. It's unsafe and adversely affects the ability of businesses to operate continuously. The needs to be a minimum flow through the river at all times and the winter pool level should be raised to a minimum of 411-413.

By not giving away land that they own at the present time. Stricter adherence to environmental laws.

Preservation of the shore line of the TN river

TVA has done an excellent job with the management of the reservoirs as it pertains to flood control, navigation, Power supply, etc. I think we need a more significant involvement with habitat management for the aging reservoirs in the system.

TVA should be commended on its efforts to improve water quality below its dams over the past couple of decades. These efforts should continue, with emphasis on minimum flows and correcting DO and cold water release problems wherever they occur. Cold water releases should be kept to a minimum, regardless of whether trout fisheries are in place. Trout should be treated as exotic nuisance species and eliminated wherever they do not occur naturally.

Maintain an adequate level of water for this purpose

By not looking primarily at power production alone. Also flood control Should be done in a balanced method to allow for barge traffic to operate With as little interruption as possible.

Fewer changes in policy

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 16

4. What alternatives should TVA consider in managing the TN River system?

Public recreation and protecting the environment should take precedence over unclean industrial use that negatively affects water quality and habitat.

Improving the nature area and maintaining the trail system better. This is a beautiful area and a tourist attraction as it is and should be publicized so more people know about it and can enjoy all it has to offer.

No more dollars spent on the ailing NUCLEAR program.....more money on environmental issues surrounding the river and on conservation of natural resources and alternative energy such as solar and wind power

I believe that TVA plays political games and forgets their purpose and allegiance to our community.

As in my previous response, this hybrid system where TVA controls certain areas such as the dams, and the Corp of Engineers control the locks and both try to control commercial navigation, appears not to be working, other wise this type of session would not be needed. One agency needs to control the system, not two, three, or more. Whether that agency is TVA or the Corp is of no concern, but one and only one should be in control.

NONE that would diminish current flood control benefits. The current reservoir operations review came about as a result of agitation from an elite class, persons who own properties adjacent to TVA's marginal strip or in some few cases persons who actually own waterfront land on TVA lakes. Not content with the longer high-water regimes instituted as a result of the 1990 review, these spoiled brat landowners seek even more concessions in the form of even more extended high water levels. They should not be granted even 15 minutes of additional lake access if that means that it would reduce flood control benefits for farmers, other landowners, or others whose flood control benefits would be affected by toadying to these insistent elites who, for the most part, care not a fig for the welfare of others so long as they can get their expensive boats in the water whenever they want.

More storage space in reservoir to give more flexible uses of things like recreation and water quality during dry seasons.

Improving capacity of system to absorb nonpoint pollution from useful on shore activity like farming.

Increase time span for measuring benefits. Once some resources are damaged, it is too late. The public agency can afford this cost better than most individuals.

Restricting the type of recreation craft allowed on the reservoirs. Control garbage deposited into the river. If water is consumed, restrict boat motor waste.

Commercial navigation requirements - meaning flow and an increased winter pool certainly are at the heart of TVA's mission. If there's no economy than there's no need (or less demand) for electrical power, etc.

No ideas on this.

Method of maintaining the shoreline

Although it may not be the case it seems as though the land owners on our reservoirs have a significant amount of control over the operation of the water level versus that of the groups trying to work on the reservoir. There are approximately 15 piers located on Little Bear Reservoir and we seem to be more concerned (about drawdown activities) with the needs of the fifteen pier owners rather than the 1000 to 1500 fisherman that routinely use the reservoir for fishing.

Adequate balance of recreation and commercial use of the river resource

Utilizing independent power producers more in peak times might allow other Aspects such as flood control and commercial navigation to operate more Efficiently.

Also, in the shoals area there is much land and buildings not being utilized. More effort should be put forth to utilize these assets to Attract industry and jobs. I realize that the cities and communities must Also take the lead in this effort.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 14

5. What quality of life issues need to be addressed in your area or town?

Public recreation, water quality, fish and mussel habitat.

The land owned by TVA was taking from private citizens by eminent domain and therefore should stay public land so these citizens and others still have use of this land. We need to take better care of the resources we have. Our water quality isn't the greatest as it is and would only get worse with the building of a golf course.

The right of citizens to have access to PUBLIC USE LAND and to be assured that it will not be taken away for the good of a good ole boy political network and corporate welfare.

Balance of the environmental concerns with the need for an industrial base where our citizens have the ability to earn a productive living. There is a major shift in the industrial base of our local economy from heavy manufacturing to light manufacturing/assembly with the heavy industrial plants relocating to areas of the world where there is less stringent rules and laws. With globalization of the economy, US workers standard of living is decreasing compared to the rest of the world. The shift from a manufacturing economy to a service economy is leveling the economic playing field by reducing US standards of living. Tourism and recreation only generates minimal salary positions. There must be balance.

Water quality and industrial controls

Use of land by ALL CITIZENS - not just the rich and powerful.

Visual and air quality protected by near natural state of shore lands.

Protect the aquatic life by protecting water quality. Balance bass tournaments posing as boat races with the needs of none motor recreational enthusiasts (sail and canoes).

Commercial navigation equals jobs. Earning an income means a certain quality of life can be maintained. If there aren't jobs (direct and indirect) than quality of life will be decreased. People also seem to forget that a great deal of coal for power generation, sand and aggregates for home, dock, and road construction etc. flow along the river system and the end use of these products effects quality of life.

Maintaining existing green areas and improving the water quality in Wilson and Pickwick Lakes.

The scenic beauty of the shoreline and river

Jobs in this area.

TVA does an excellent job at providing recreation opportunities. I believe less emphasis should be placed on flood control and more should be done to convince people to construct dwellings in upland areas and leave floodplains in their natural state.

Air quality, water quality and quality of life issues

I think we have a good quality of life in our area. How ever in northwest Alabama in the past 2 years, about 6000 to 7000 workers' quality of life Has been affected by unemployment. Utilizing the assets we have to reverse This trend is important to me. This can be done without ruining the Environment.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 14

6. What do you value most about the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?

Water quality, protecting the natural environment, wildlife habitat and public recreation.

The natural beauty and wildlife much of which exist know where else in the world. It is so rare for children and adults to have a place so close to an urban area where they can witness these miracles of nature. This area is also so rich historically and once these things are destroyed they can never be brought back. Our children and they're children will never be able to see these plants and animals artifacts except in a history book.

In the past I have enjoyed certain recreational , family oriented activities on the TVA walking trail and old first quarters. in general I have had an appreciation for areas where humans may interrelate to with the natural environment, knowing that TVA would act as RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS of these areas.

My job relies on its efficiency. The product we make relies on the most economical means of producing it. If we are not competitive, the competition will reign. I also live on a tributary of the Tennessee. I enjoy the recreational activities. However, even at my residence, I see problems with erosion and the slough depth falling. At times this winter, there were "islands" in the middle of the slough where once the water was 8-10 feet deep. We must find a way to maximize the potentials of this system.

The system as it exist today, allows this region to compete in the world economy by allowing for cost effective transportation of goods to and from the region to other parts of the country and

world. This function, is the basis for life as we currently know it to exist. Without this means, the only way to secure the goods desired would be either to produce them locally or do without relying only on the products which could be produced with the resources available locally. Trade wherein resources in one region of the world is exchange for resources in another region is what has made the world we have today. Without it, this would be a dismal existence.

The natural scenic and biological values of the river and the shorelands

The proper use of public and private lands along the TVA system.

The multiple use of resources for long range. This should include more goals and benefits than presently highlighted. Emphasis should be on uses that preserve resources for future with present use in uses that does this.

Clean and environmentally save electricity production and clean water supply.

The ability to offer and maintain year round commercial navigation TVA can manage the system in conjunction with the Teen-Tom year round commercial navigation is viable, as opposed to the MS River that can suffer from drought and interrupt commercial navigation.

The nature areas and the recreational usage of the lakes.

Scenic beauty.

Jobs to the area and recreation and boating fishing camping etc.

The quality of life.

What I value most about the TVA reservoirs and Tennessee River in general is the habitat they provide for aquatic life. The habitat provided for freshwater mussels, both commercial and otherwise, should be maintained and water quality improved where needed.

Water Quality

Several things are of value to me. The systems add beauty to the area. It provides power and jobs to the area. It adds to our quality of life. It Should be used to continue to provide these things, but also to feed growth And development and help industry come back to our area.

The ability to live on and use a body of good clean water for our families recreation, that has sufficient year round depth for boating, and good flood control management.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 18

7. What do you see as threats to the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?

Unwise development that affects water quality and wildlife habitat.

David Bronner and RSA. Our local politicians who are ignoring the opinions of the citizens who elected them

Land development along the river corridor. any land that is already protected by the federal govt. should REMAIN SO! it is difficult to control what is already in the private sector.

If barges can not make it up the 650 miles of waterway to the different ports with material, there will be a lot of jobs and industries lost to ports that manage their systems better. There has got to

be enough water in the river for traffic to pass safely. Industry and related jobs will be lost and people will move away.

Extreme views on any one issue. I am involved in commercial navigation, and extreme view points where the only river use being commercial navigation exist is very short sided. Environmental extremists are very short sided as well. There must exist balance between all uses of the natural resources available.

Should TVA grant RSA the use of its Muscle Shoals Reservation for the proposed golf course, that could set--or further energize--an undesirable precedent of giving the public's lands to special interests. Such giveaways are an intolerable and abominable abdication of the public trust!

Uncontrolled and irresponsible development of public and private lands.

Pressures from local, state, and national politicians to use resources for their pet projects.

Coal fired electrical power generation is polluting the valley's air. Also the extensive use of motor powered boats with oil and fuel waste is too high. Third, garbage in the river (bottles, tires etc.) is too high. Fourth, limit or prohibit sewage dumping into the river.

People who don't care.

Single minded environmentalists who don't take the trouble to balance their views and opinions.

People who don't understand the importance of commercial navigation.

The lack of necessary funds in the federal budget for the Corps of Engineers to maintain the lock and dam system.

Overdevelopment, pollution are the two main ones.

Erosion of the shoreline.

Pollution

Major big companies cheaper to pay environmental fines than to correct the problem. There are tricks to discarding wastes for these companies

The most serious threats to the Tennessee River system include both point and nonpoint source pollution. Siltation, which includes pesticides, from agricultural areas, golf courses and residential lawns can be very detrimental to fish and other aquatic life. TVA has a good opportunity to influence landowners and commercial organizations to minimize runoff. Water retention structures should be mandatory whenever new buildings or paved areas are constructed.

Water pollution from industrial discharge

Anything being done to damage the water system is a threat. However we have regulations and laws in place that if enforced properly will protect the water supply.

Security of all dams and power plants is of utmost importance with what has been happening at home and abroad.

I feel that overzealous advocates of protecting the environment could affect decisions that are important to our neighborhoods and citizens. I also am dead against damaging the environment. However, our people want good jobs and want to have a good standard of living. Many people that are taking the environmental stand to justify their position haven't lived outside of the area they currently live in and are not unemployed. We can have both growth and progress and a safe environment.

The possibility that TVA management might succumb to pressure for 'electricity production at any cost'.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 18

What do you like about how TVA manages the TN River system & reservoirs?

I appreciate all TVA's efforts in the area's of flood control, electricity generation, economic development and public recreation.

Until TVA gave this ridiculous and illegal "conditional approval" to our local politicians who are the actual applicants for the 968 acres of land on the Muscle Shoals Reservation, they seemed to be doing an okay job of taking the areas natural resources into consideration when making decisions that would impact the above mentioned resources. They seemed to try to stay out of the circle of influence of local political favoritism and game playing.

I like knowing that there are so many scientists and other experts helping to manage these areas.....do their studies count? I would like for the expertise of these scientists to have precedence over the POLITICAL FIGURE HEADS ON THE BOARD.

Nice people, some results, some balance.

The effort of staff to listen to input of citizens.
The capability of staff to analyze long range multiple benefit projects.

Flood control and water supply is managed well. Thank you for generating clean electric power from the dams.

The people care (TVA employees). TVA people are accessible and willing to help as they can within current restraints.

Community involvement

For the size do a good job. To oriented in bureaucratic ways.

The thing I like most about the TVA reservations is that they are open to the public. A recent article in the newspaper, in reference to the RSA land grab, suggested that in the future TVA would be more amenable to ceding land to interested parties. This would be a great mistake. Unlike the western US, there are few places for the public to get out and enjoy natural areas, without trespassing on private property. These public areas are precious and should be kept at current levels at a minimum and increased if possible. There is no justification, financial or otherwise, for giving public property to other entities, including municipalities, unless they are to be opened to the public and maintained in a natural manner (such as wildlife management areas).

Control of land use along the shore line and public participation opportunities

In the past TVA has taken into consideration, circumstances that effect the adjacent property owners, who pay the most taxes in their area, to their local governments. When we have had problems, such as aquatic plants, they helped us evaluate the problem. All undesignated areas along the shoreline has remained open to the public, while designated areas, such as residential access areas, has afforded some protection to the property owner.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 12

9. Which public benefit do you believe is TVA's highest mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Protecting the Natural Environment	7
2. Electricity Production	3
3. Providing Recreation	2
4. Flood Control	2
5. Commercial Navigation	2
6. Water Supply	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 21

10. What public benefits are NOT on the list above, but should be?

All of the above

This should be an alternative of the questionnaire

Use of shoreline to guide use of private lands near the reservoir [including protecting prime farmland, passive recreation, etc rather than be destroyed by things like industrial development, mining, and other destructive uses. Assuring TVA resources are used for All people, not just a few.

Water quality and wild life health

Public education into alternative energy sources.

Not enough attention to the shoreline

Fish and wildlife issues and tourism

COMMERCIAL NAVIGATION

Rights of adjacent property owners.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 8

11. Which public benefit SHOULD BE the highest mgmt. priority for TVA?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Protecting the Natural Environment	9
2. Commercial Navigation	3
3. Flood Control	1
4. Water Supply	1
5. Providing Recreation	0

6. Electricity Production	0
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Number of Responses Counted (n) : 15

12. Which public benefit should be the SECOND HIGHEST mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Water Supply	4
2. Protecting the Natural Environment	3
3. Electricity Production	3
4. Flood Control	3
5. Commercial Navigation	1
6. Providing Recreation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 15

13. Which public benefit should be the LOWEST mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Providing Recreation	6
2. Commercial Navigation	3
3. Electricity Production	2
4. Flood Control	2
5. Protecting the Natural Environment	1
6. Water Supply	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 15

14. Likelihood that population in your area will grow considerably?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	8
2. Somewhat Unlikely	2
3. Very Unlikely	2
4. Very Likely	0
5. Neutral	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 13

15. Desirability of population in your area growing considerably?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
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1. Desirable	4
2. Neutral	2
3. Very Undesirable	2
4. Very Desirable	1
5. Undesirable	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 10

16. Likelihood that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Unlikely	5
2. Somewhat Unlikely	4
3. Somewhat Likely	2
4. Very Likely	0
5. Neutral	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

17. Desirability that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Desirable	5
2. Very Desirable	4
3. Neutral	1
4. Undesirable	1
5. Very Undesirable	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

18. What is the likelihood that your area will have more jobs?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	8
2. Somewhat Unlikely	2
3. Very Likely	1
4. Neutral	1
5. Very Unlikely	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 13

19. What is the desirability of your area having more jobs?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	6
2. Desirable	5
3. Very Undesirable	2
4. Neutral	1
5. Undesirable	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 14

20. Likelihood there will be stronger regulations to protect the environment?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	5
2. Very Likely	3
3. Somewhat Unlikely	2
4. Very Unlikely	2
5. Neutral	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 12

21. Desirability of stronger regulations to protect the environment?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	9
2. Undesirable	2
3. Very Undesirable	2
4. Desirable	1
5. Neutral	0

22. Pick 6 items that represent the MOST important value of the TVA system?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Clean Water	9
2. Affordable Electricity	7
3. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	7
4. Flood Control	6
5. Drinking Water Supply	6
6. Shoreline Erosion Control	6
7. Public Land Conservation	6
8. Protection of Historical Artifacts	4

9. Scenic Beauty	4
10. Dam Safety	3
11. Economic Development	3
12. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	3
13. Planning for Future Growth	3
14. Campgrounds and Green Space	3
15. Environmental Research	2
16. Water-based Recreation	2
17. Shoreland Development	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 17

23. Pick 6 items that represent the LEAST important value of the TVA system?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Economic Development	9
2. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	9
3. Shoreland Development	9
4. Affordable Electricity	4
5. Planning for Future Growth	4
6. Water-based Recreation	4
7. Protection of Historical Artifacts	4
8. Campgrounds and Green Space	3
9. Public Land Conservation	3
10. Scenic Beauty	3
11. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	2
12. Environmental Research	2
13. Dam Safety	1
14. Flood Control	1
15. Drinking Water Supply	1
16. Clean Water	0
17. Shoreline Erosion Control	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 15

24. Please enter the county or counties each of you live in.

Colbert
Colbert county

Lauderdale
Lauderdale

Giles, TN

Lauderdale County, Alabama
Lauderdale

Lauderdale

Colbert County Alabama

Colbert

Colbert

Limestone and Morgan county

Lauderdale

Lauderdale

Lauderdale

LAUDERDALE

Hardin County, TN

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 17

25. Please list your ZIP CODE(S) (you do not have to enter your addresses)

35660

35633

35645

38478

35633

35661

35630

35661

35674

35661

35611

35630

Rudolph marine and Salvage , Carl Rudolph 35661

35633

35634

38372

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 16

26. Which State(s) do you (or each of you) live in?

List (By Total Chosen)

Total

1. Alabama	16
2. Tennessee	2
3. Other	1
4. Georgia	0
5. Kentucky	0
6. Mississippi	0
7. North Carolina	0
8. Virginia	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 19

27. I believe TVA will consider my input in this planning process?

True: 88.9%

False: 11.1%

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 9